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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This Response is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on August 13, 2002 in the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing arguments is respectfully requested.

**Rejection of Claims 44-58 Under 35 U.S.C. Section 101**

Claims 44-58 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 101 as not being supported by either a credible, specific and substantial utility, or a well-established utility. The